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Firearm safety is a collection of rules and recommendations that can be applied when possessing, storing, or handling firearms. The mindset is that firearms are inherently dangerous and must always be stored carefully and handled with care. Handlers are taught to treat firearms with respect for their destructive capabilities, and strongly discouraged from playing or toying with firearms, a common cause of accidents.

When using or storing a gun, always follow these rules:

• Know how to use the gun safely.

Before handling a gun, learn how it operates. Know its basic parts, how to safely open and close the action and remove any ammunition from the gun or magazine.

• Be sure the gun is safe to operate.

Guns need regular maintenance. Regular cleaning and proper storage are a part of the gun's general upkeep. If there is any question concerning a gun's ability to function, a knowledgeable gunsmith should look at it.



• Use only the correct ammunition for your gun.

Only BBs, pellets, cartridges or shells designed for a particular gun can be fired safely in that gun. Most guns have the ammunition type stamped on the barrel. Ammunition can be identified by information printed on the box and sometimes stamped on the cartridge. Do not shoot the gun unless you know you have the proper ammunition.

• Wear eye and ear protection as appropriate.

Guns are loud and the noise can cause hearing damage. They can also emit debris and hot gas that could cause eye injury. For these reasons, shooting glasses and hearing protectors should be worn by shooters and spectators.

• Store guns so they are not accessible to unauthorized persons.

Many factors must be considered when deciding where and how to store guns. A person's particular situation will be a major part of the consideration. Dozens of gun storage devices, as well as locking devices that attach directly to the gun, are available. However, mechanical locking devices, like the mechanical safeties built into guns, can fail and should not be used as a substitute for safe gun handling and the observance of all gun safety rules.

• Cleaning

Regular cleaning is important in order for your gun to operate correctly and safely. Taking proper care of it will also maintain its value and extend its life. Your gun should be cleaned every time that it is used.

A gun brought out of prolonged storage should also be cleaned before shooting. Accumulated moisture and dirt, or solidified grease and oil, can prevent the gun from operating properly. Before cleaning your gun, **make absolutely sure that it is unloaded.** The gun's action should be open during the cleaning process. Also, be sure that **no ammunition is present in the cleaning area.**

**For more valueable information on Firearm Safety visit <http://training.nra.org/nra-gun-safety-rules.aspx>

THE 4 FUNDAMENTAL RULES FOR SAFE GUN HANDLING

1. ALWAYS treat every gun as if it is loaded.
2. ALWAYS keep your finger OFF the trigger until ready to shoot.
3. ALWAYS keep the gun pointed in a safe direction.
4. ALWAYS know your target and what's beyond it.



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HOW TO APPLY FOR A GUN PERMIT

In order to acquire a North Carolina permit, an individual must apply to the sheriff's office in the county in which he/she resides. As part of the application process, the applicant must accomplish the following:

1. Complete an application, under oath, on a form provided by the sheriff's office
2. Pay a non-refundable fee of \$80.00
3. Allow the sheriff's office to take two (2) full sets of fingerprints, which may cost up to \$10.00
4. Provide an original certificate of completion of an approved handgun safety course
5. Provide a release authorizing disclosure to the sheriff of any record concerning the applicant's mental health or capacity.

Permit/License is valid for 5 years. They have 45 days to issue or deny your application. A NICS Check is mandatory on all New/Renewal Applications

Note: Check your local Sheriff's website as some are taking applications online.

AREAS WHERE WEAPONS ARE PROHIBITED:

- Schools
- Assemblies and Establishments
- State buildings
- Events Occurring in Public
- Areas of Emergencies and Riots



AGE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PURCHASE AND POSSESSION OF WEAPONS

North Carolina law does not currently address specific age requirements for the purchase of weapons. Rather, they look to the federal standards for such restrictions. Under federal law, licensed gun dealers are prohibited from selling handguns to persons under the age of 21. Further, all other purchasers of shotguns and rifles are required to be at least 18 years old.



NC HUNTING PERMITS AND LICENSING

North Carolina offers some excellent hunting opportunities. The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission offers various licenses and permits that authorize regulated activities such as hunting, fishing, and trapping. By purchasing a license or permit, you help sustain North Carolina's wildlife heritage and safeguard the future of fish and wildlife in North Carolina for generations to come. Please visit www.ncwildlife.org for links on NC hunting regulations, online permit applications and a complete calendar list of different game seasons.

For the complete list of NC Firearms Laws visit www.ncdoj.gov/getdoc/32344299-a2a7-4ae5-99fd-9018262f64ac/NC-Firearms-gun-Laws.aspx